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The new East Europe apparently will be more concerned with US policy and will take a more positive approach to the Communist world than the former magazine. Postwar refugees and writers from RFE are likely to play a much smaller role. In the first issue, two of the key articles are by men with distinguished records in and out of the US government, and one is by a prominent journalist. The material contributed by the staff -- who are new except for the editor, Herman Singer -- is much less objectionable from the point of view of the Communist regimes. As indicated by the magazine's new subtitle -- "an international magazine" -- the aim appears to be to appeal to an audience that is thinking in terms of detente. As a result, the new East Europe will probably be less valuable as a source of information about the trials and tribulations of Eastern Europe, but it may be a useful barometer of changing US views on the area.

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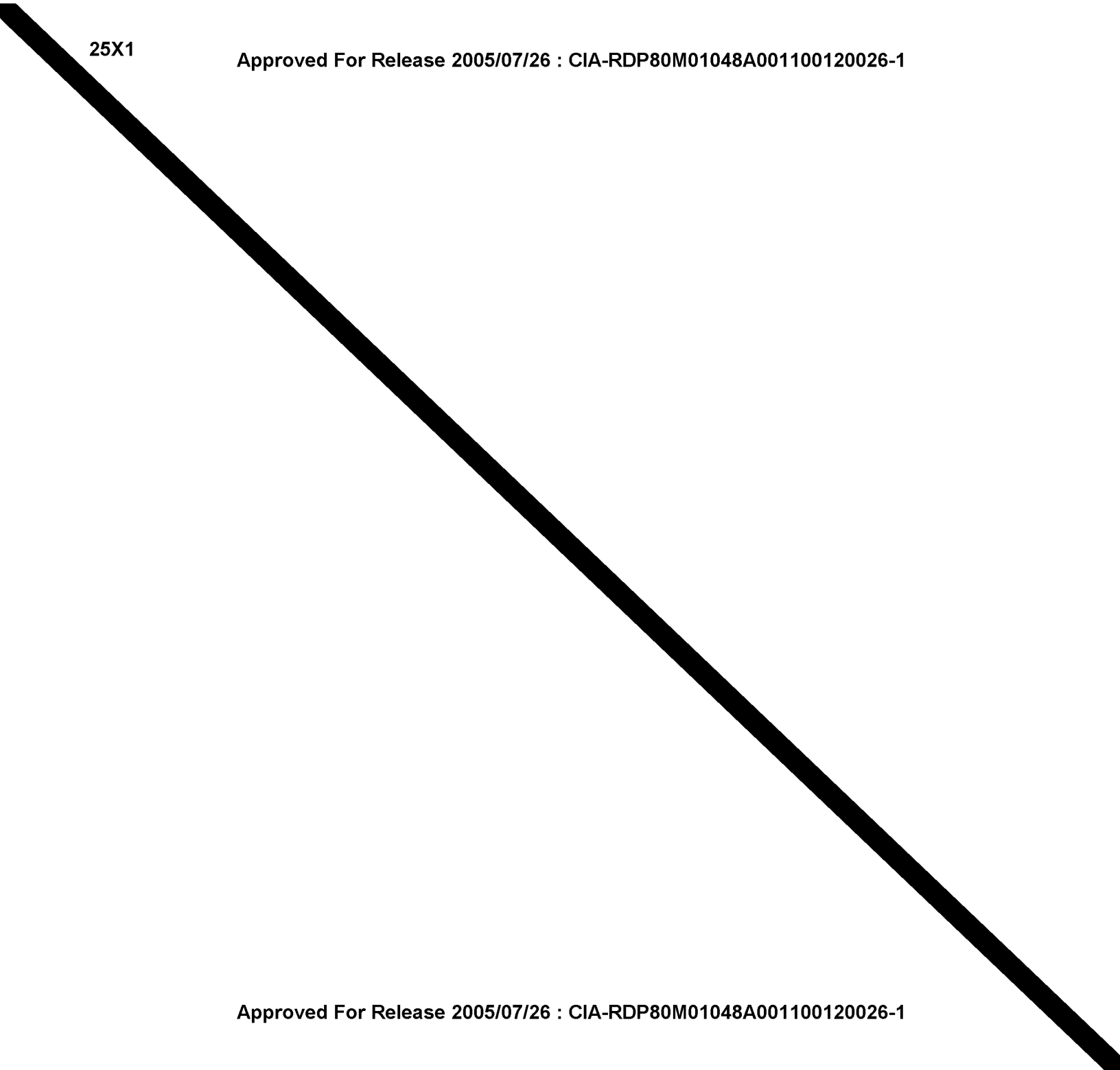

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Paul,

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